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TO: Department of Justice  
RE: Microsoft Settlement

In my opinion, the settlement proposed for Microsoft is sufficient. In fact, it is already overkill.

It must be kept in mind that the changes in our legal system have not, and cannot keep pace with the rapidly evolving changes in high technology. Microsoft might have somehow been in technical violation of our "traditional" anti-trust laws. I'll admit that.

However, had Microsoft been forced throughout its history to restrain itself in a literal sense to these laws, it undoubtedly would have never created all the outstanding computer systems and concepts, which most homes, businesses, medical facilities, schools, etc., in America can now afford.

To punish Microsoft more severally than outlined in the present settlement proposal is analogous to rewarding other companies for their lack of vision, mediocrity, and/or lack of means or desire to compete in an extremely intangible, and risky market.

Microsoft is too important an entity to be shackled because others cannot, for whatever reason, keep pace.

Sincerely,  
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